

Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the pension funding rules. Further consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, Wednesday, July 26th.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H5831.

Senate Referrals: S. 1950 was referred to the Committee on International Relations and S. 403, S. 3728, and S. 2832 were held at the desk. Page H5852

Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5742–43, H5743, H5743–44, H5813–14, H5814, H5815, H5815–16. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 11:59 p.m.

Committee Meetings

HORSE PROTECTION ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on H.R. 503, To amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption. Testimony was heard from Representatives Sweeney and Goodlatte; and public witnesses.

MEDICARE PHYSICIAN PAYMENT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on How To Build a Payment System That Provides Quality, Efficient Care for Medicare Beneficiaries. Testimony was heard from Donald B. Marron, Acting Director, CBO; A. Bruce Steinwald, Director, Health Care, GAO; Mark Miller, Executive Director, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission; and a public witness.

Hearings continue July 27.

REAL ESTATE MARKET

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled “Changing Real Estate Market.” Testimony was heard from J. Bruce McDonald, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; Maureen K. Ohlhausen, Director, Office of Policy Planning, FTC; David G. Wood, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, GAO; and public witnesses.

TERRORISM THREATS AND THE INSURANCE MARKET

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations and the Subcommittee

on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment of the Committee on Homeland Security held a joint hearing entitled “Terrorism Threats and the Insurance Market.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RE-EMPLOYING FEDERAL RETIREES

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization held a hearing entitled “Retirees Returning to the Rescue: Re-employing Annuitants in Times of National Need.” Testimony was heard from Nancy Kichak, Associate Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, OPM; Patricia Bradshaw, Deputy Under Secretary, Civilian Personnel Policy, Department of Defense; Barbara Panther, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary, Human Resources and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs; Ronald Sanders, Chief Human Capitol Officer, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and public witnesses.

DOD EXCESS PROPERTY SECURITY RISKS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing entitled “DOD Excess Property: Inventory Control Breakdowns Present a Security Risk.” Testimony was heard from Gregory Kutz, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations, GAO; and from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Alan F. Estevez, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary (Supply Chain Integration); MG Bennie E. Williams, USA, Director, Logistics Operations, Defense Logistic Agency; and Paul Peters, Director, Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service.

STOPPING ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs held a hearing entitled “Is the Federal Government Doing All It Can To Stem the Tide of Illegal Immigration.” Testimony was heard from Martin H. Gerry, Deputy Commissioner, Social Security for Disability and Income Support Programs, SSA; Al Robinson, Acting Administrator, Wage and Hour Administration, Employment Standards Administration, Department of Labor; the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Janis Sposato, Associate Director, National Security and Records Verification Directorate, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service; and Matthew Allen, Deputy Assistant Director, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and K. Steven Burgess, Director, Examinations Small Business/Self Employed Division, IRS, Department of the Treasury.

CENTRAL ASIAN ENERGY AND SECURITY ISSUES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Middle East and Central Asia held a hearing on Assessing Energy and Security Issues in Central Asia. Testimony was heard from Steven R. Mann, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, Department of State; Lana Ekimoff, Director, Office of Russian and Eurasian Affairs, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT ANNIVERSARY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing entitled "The 60th Anniversary of the Administrative Procedure Act: Where Do We Go From Here?" Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE MANAGEMENT POLICIES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks held an oversight hearing entitled "The Recently Released Final Draft of the National Park Service Management Policies." Testimony was heard from Fran Mainella, Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

CONFERENCE REPORT—VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION FOR THE FUTURE ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany S. 250, to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1988 to improve the Act, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman McKeon (CA).

UNITED STATES AND INDIA NUCLEAR COOPERATION PROMOTION ACT OF 2006

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 5682, to exempt from certain requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 a proposed nuclear agreement for cooperation with India, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on International Relations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on International Relations now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Com-

mittee of the Whole. The rule provides that the bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments printed in part B of the report may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hyde, Representatives Fortenberry, Upton, Lantos, Berman, Lee, Markey, Woolsey, and Jackson-Lee of Texas.

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on Scientific and Technical Assessment and Advice for the U.S. Congress. Testimony was heard from Representative Holt; and public witnesses.

IRS REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ACT COMPLIANCE

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on the Failure To Comply With the Regulatory Flexibility Act: IRS Endangering Small Businesses Yet Again. Testimony was heard from Donald L. Korb, Chief Counsel, IRS, Department of the Treasury; Thomas M. Sullivan, Chief Counsel, Advocacy, SBA; and public witnesses.

RAIL SAFETY HUMAN FACTORS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads held an oversight hearing on Human Factors Issues in Rail Safety. Testimony was heard from Joseph Boardman, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; Robert Chipkevich, Director, Office of Rail, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Investigations, National Transportation Safety Board; and public witnesses.

CUSTOMS BUDGET AUTHORIZATIONS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on Customs Budget Authorizations and Other Customs Issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department

of Homeland Security: W. Ralph Basham, Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection; and Julie Myers, Assistant Secretary, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and public witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 814)

H.R. 42, to ensure that the right of an individual to display the flag of the United States on residential property not be abridged. Signed on July 24, 2006. (Public Law 109-243)

S.J. Res. 40, authorizing the printing and binding of a supplement to, and revised edition of, Senate Procedure. Signed on July 25, 2006. (Public Law 109-244)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michael V. Dunn, of Iowa, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Nancy Montanez-Johner, of Nebraska, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, and to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation, Margo M. McKay, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, and Bruce I. Knight, of South Dakota, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, and to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation, 9:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Oversight, to hold hearings to examine the size and sources of the tax gap, 2 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Philip S. Goldberg, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bolivia, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine a progress report on protecting and enforcing intellectual property rights here and abroad, focusing on the Administration's Strategy Targeting Organized Piracy (STOP!) and the extent to which it has been effective in educating businesses about the issues related to conducting business in the global economy, the progress made since the appointment of the IP Coordinator last July, and explore if the STOP! initiative has identified effective human capital and strategic plans to build on the existing program, and if it has the necessary resources required to complete its mission, 3:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the current and future status of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act which prescribes procedures for requesting judicial authorization for electronic surveillance and physical search of persons engaged in espionage or international terrorism against the United States on behalf of a foreign power, 9 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold a closed meeting regarding intelligence matters, 10 a.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on standards of military commissions and tribunals, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on plutonium disposition and the U.S. Mixed Oxide Fuel Facility, 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Education Reform, hearing on Examining Views on English as the Official Language, 12:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to mark up the following bills: H. R. 4583, Wool Suit Fabric Labeling Fairness and International Standards Conforming Act; H.R. 1078, Social Security Number Protection Act of 2005; H.R. 5863, To authorize temporary emergency extensions to certain exemptions to the requirements with respect to polychlorinated biphenyls under the Toxic Substances Control Act; and H.R. 503, to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Silicosis Story: Mass Tort Screening and the Public Health, 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 5503, FHA Multifamily Loan Limit Adjustment Act of 2006; H.R. 5851, Hawaiian Ownership Opportunity Act; and H.R. 5637, Nonadmitted and Reinsurance Reform Act of 2006, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing entitled "Prescription Drug Abuse: What is Being Done to Address this New Drug Epidemic," 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance, and Accountability, hearing entitled "Implementing FOIA—Does the Administration's Executive Order Improve Processing?" 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science and Technology, hearing entitled "Emergency Care Crisis: A Nation Unprepared for Public Health Disasters," 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing on Immigration: Responding to a Regional Crisis, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to continue markup of H.R. 1704, Second Chance Act of 2005; and to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2679, Public Expression of Religion